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POLITICAL

JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY CREDITED WITH INFLUENCE OVER DIET AGAINST RATIFICATION OF US-JAPANESE SECURITY TREATY -- Tokyo, Akahata, 5 Jun 60

Japan Communist Party Secretary-General Miyamoto Kenji in an interview with reporters said: "In the recent petition movement against the Diet to prevent the ratification of the US-Japan Security Treaty, the Japan Communist Party initiated and executed the tactic that everyone could exercise his rights. This subsequently became the general trend of the struggle against the Security Treaty. We also pointed out that the attack should not be aimed solely against the Kishi Cabinet, but also against the American imperialists. This also became the general trend of the struggle."

GUATEMALAN COMMUNIST CONGRESS GIVEN DELAYED FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT BY CONSERVATIVE PAPER

The following is an FDD comment.

After 3 weeks had passed, the independent, conservative Guatemala City daily El Imparcial of 11 June 1960 finally published a front-page report on the Third Congress of the Guatemalan Labor Party (Communist Party), saying that the congress was held in the suburbs of Guatemala City on 20-23 May and that it was attended by 35 delegates. The date of the congress, said the paper, had been postponed several times by the leadership as a "maneuver" against the party's "opposition cells" and as a design to maintain the present party leadership. Although no names were mentioned in the report, the 35 party delegates who attended the congress reportedly passed resolutions and "nominated--not elected -- members of the new Central Committee," and announced that the approved "resolutions will be made known to the party members within 2 or 3 months." El Imparcial also said that the Labor Party, since the latter party of 1959, had been distributing "material" to its members and cell committees with the request to "study [this material] to be able to formulate ideas and suggestions about the party's many problems."

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ECONOMIC

CHINESE INDUSTRIAL FACTORIES OPEN EMPLOYEE HOSTELS -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 17 Jun 60, p 2

Since the successful experiment of the Sung-ling Machinery Plant in Mukden, considerable effort has been made to establish more hostels for unmarried factory workers. In these employee hostels, there is organized a general services department staffed with a number of service personnel who handle all everyday chores and housekeeping. By the end of May 1960, 112 employee hostels had been established throughout the city. These collective dormitories have helped to release the drudgery of everyday housekeeping for nearly 40,000 employees, thus giving them more rest and time for study and research in production and technology.

[Comment: Indications that living space is also being provided for industrial plant workers in Shanghai are given in Foreign Press Bulletin for 16 June 1960.]

FIRST MACHINE SHOP IN VIETNAM'S HAI NINH PROVINCE BUILT WITH CHINESE AID -- Hanoi, Nhan Dan, 3 Jun 60

Huu-Nghi Machine-Tool Factory, the first machine shop in Hai Ninh Province, built and equipped with aid from China, was completed at the end of May 1960 after being under construction for over 6 months. It has already manufactured 810 plows besides other types of equipment, including two automatic water wheels and a tapioca-processing machine.

[Comment: This is the first press notice of the factory's completion and start of operations.]

MILITARY

FRENCH DECISION TO MAKE H-BOMB RUMORED -- Paris, L'Humanite, 11 Jun 60

An evening newspaper has expressed the belief that a decision to manufacture the H-bomb was made at a secret meeting of the French Defense Committee on 10 June. Attending the meeting, at which General de Gaulle presided, were Debre, Couve de Murville, Baumgartner, Messmer, Chatenet, Delouvrier, Admiral Nomy, and Generals Ely, Lavaud, Demetz, Olie, Stehlin, and Crepin.

[Comment: An article in the 11 June issue of Le Monde reported the Defense Committee's meeting as the second in 48 hours, but did not mention the H-bomb rumor.]

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL

NUCLEAR-POWERED FREIGHTERS IN USSR -- Berlin, Schiffbautechnik, Vol 10,
No 5, May 60, p 262

[Comment: The first firm claim concerning Soviet construction of nuclear-powered freighters noted by FDD in the bloc press appears below.]

Several freighters with nuclear-powered propulsion are under construction in the Soviet Union. Though the icebreaker Lenin is the first atom-propelled Soviet ship, it is by no means the only one.

SHANGHAI PLANT PRODUCES DOMESTICALLY DESIGNED ELECTRONIC TUBES -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 17 Jun 60, p 2

The Shanghai Li-kung Electrical Equipment Plant is now producing domestically designed electronic tubes which have been successfully tested. This electronic tube is a high-voltage type, manufactured especially for use in high-quality precision instruments.

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